

Clinical or Community Partnerships

Amarillo College ADN

Baptist Saint Anthony's Health System, Amarillo, TX
Northwest Texas Healthcare System, Amarillo, TX

The two hospital benefactors each provide cash contributions to pay the cost of tuition, fees and books for grant participants enrolled in accelerated RN to MSN programs. Cash contributions also pay salary and fringe benefits of the grant manager. In-kind contributions of these hospital benefactors include providing clinical practicums and preceptors for the RN to MSN grant participants.

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership: \$78,000 in-kind expenses

Grant monies used: yes, from the Department of Labor

Expected benefits from partnership:

- a pool of nurse educators prepared at the masters level will be available for employment in teaching positions in the region by fall 2008

Challenges from partnership:

- creatively dealing with the unanticipated, exorbitant tuition and fee increases over the last two years

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Formal financial agreement in which the hospital loans the program a seasoned pediatric nurse one day/week for twelve weeks each semester. This BSN-prepared nurse is paired with a masters prepared faculty member in a clinical teaching assistant (CTA) role. The pediatric nurse remains a full-time employee of the hospital and has salary and benefits paid by the hospital. The college pays a flat rate of \$3,000 per semester to the hospital for the services of this pediatric nurse.

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership: \$3,000 per semester

Grant monies used: no

Expected benefits from partnership:

- the pediatric nurse is a clinical expert and brings real world education to students during these rotations
- program may place up to fifteen students in pediatric rotations
- minimal cost to the program
- arrangement has promoted a cooperative relationship between the program and the hospital

Challenges from partnership: none listed

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Partnerships with Other Nursing Programs

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Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

West Texas A&M University

A formal alliance among Texas Tech University Health Science Center, West Texas A&M University, and Amarillo College has resulted in the opening of a clinical simulation center in Amarillo.

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership: n/a

Grant monies used: n/a

Expected benefits from partnership: none listed

Challenges from partnership: none listed

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